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SB Study Lays Most Of Blame For High Black Death Rate On Health Providers

Angry Residents Gather to Ponder: Now What?

The Black Voice News

INLAND EMPIRE

By Chris Levister

The African American Health Initiative Health Planning Project's work took 15 months and a lot of shoe leather and midnight oil to research and compile. During a presentation at San Bernardino City Hall, those preliminary findings took just minutes to anger, frustrate and empower the project's subjects: the Black/African American population in San Bernardino County.

Reading the preliminary findings one

percent had a medical doctor for routine care; 78.8 percent of those surveyed had seen a healthcare provider during the last 18 months for routine physicals or preventative care. The researchers found 83.3 percent believe taking "right" action such as making routine doctor visits, personal responsibility and following provider recommendations is critical to staying healthy.

We collected data from the homeless man on the street, single moms at bus stops African-American doctors, lawyers and business professionals earning over \$100,000 a year. Our find-

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V. Diane Woods, Dr. P.H. (candidate) M.S.N., R.N.

listener said was "like reading our own epitaph." "We are dying, this is an emergency, it's like hollering fire and no one is listening, said Kim Carter, whose organization Time For Change, best sums up the findings which rip apart the traditional myths: lack of insurance; lack of healthcare provider; no regular routine care, lack of transportation, lack of personal responsibility used as reasons why Black people in the county are dying 13 years sooner than whites and others.

The findings extract data from 11 focus groups, 514 Black resident questionnaires, and a survey of all county healthcare providers. The findings concluded 85.5 percent of residents surveyed had some type of insurance. 60.2

ings conclude traditional stereotypical indicators blamed for health disparity and high death among Blacks are not the true indicators," says project coordinator V. Diane Woods, Dr. P.H. (candidate) M.S.N., R.N. "What we found was a systemic and pervasive disconnect between the Black patient and healthcare providers in the county of San Bernardino. This says Black people are interested and involved in their personal health. These findings lay a huge part of the responsibility for the problem at the feet of healthcare providers. These conclusions are consistent with other studies to include a large highly publicized study in 2003 of health disparities among African-Americans nationwide. What now, Woods, her words spilling



Residents discuss new health study findings at event celebrating the Black family.

out at a fever pitch told listeners, "the questions are why, if these studies keep dispelling the worn out indicators, then why are so many Black people still plagued by high disability, high death and poor quality of life and what must be done to change things."

The project was funded by a 2-year \$268,600 grant from the California Endowment awarded to the Inland Wellness Information Network (IWIN). It targets five key health conditions: HIV/AIDS, heart disease, high blood pressure, breast cancer and prostate cancer.

The study, stimulated by the San Bernardino Health Department, seeks to assess preventive programs and treatment services. It is one of the most exhaustive scientific snapshots of African-American health in county history. "It's inclusive, it's raw, it's ugly, it

hurts, it reveals, it empowers, mostly it says we need radical change at all levels, organizational, institutional and individual," Woods claims. "Many community-based organizations that receive millions of dollars to provide care to the

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Promises of 1964 Civil Rights Bill Remain Unfulfilled

The Black Voice News

WASHINGTON (NNPA)

By Hazel Trice Edney

NNPA Washington Correspondent

When the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed, it capped years of struggle to have Congress enact legislation that would explicitly outlaw discrimination.

"I was working on it at every level," says Dorothy Height, 92, president of the National Council of Negro Women. "The Civil Rights Act did not come eas-

ily. We had the Civil Rights Movement. We had the March on Washington. And then, in the Congress, we had a terrific filibuster. We had to break the filibuster; then we finally got the act passed."

Height was among millions of Americans who commemorated the 40th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act last week, signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson after the House of Representatives passed it on June 19, 1964 and finally in the Senate in what is now known as the longest debate - 57

days, including six Saturdays.

But Height and other civil rights pioneers now say that despite of the jubilation that accompanied passage of the new law, many of its promises remain unfulfilled.

"We now need to see that it's fully implemented and that it's enforced and we need to work to get in the economic positions so that our families can take advantage of some of the opportunities that opened up," Height says. "We need to have more opportunities for training

and development for young people so that they will be prepared to fill the demands of the jobs...I think they need to get out and vote. They need to realize that they have gone through open doors and they have to help keep them open."

Among the promises of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was the withholding of federal funds to any school or institution that discriminates on the basis of race, national origin, religion or gender. It was also enacted to assure that people have legal recourse if they are denied

access to public accommodations or employment.

However, problems remain.

"I discover whenever I go and visit the Black Belt [a soil-rich region of Alabama] for any business for the Civil

Right's Commission, that there is still Jim Crow," says Mary Frances Berry, chairwoman of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights. "There are still places where Blacks have been segregated in

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Police Review Commission May Join Charter

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

By Mary Shelton

After listening to comments from over a dozen speakers, the Charter Review Committee voted to recommend an amendment to its proposal, that would add the Community Police Review Commission to Riverside's city charter.

At an earlier meeting, a similar motion to include all the city's boards and commissions in the charter had failed to pass. If the CPRC is added to the charter, it could then only be disbanded by the city's voters, rather than through a simple majority vote of the city council.

Several committee members said that after listening to people speak, they had changed their minds and

decided to support the motion.

Marcia McQuern, former publisher of the Press Enterprise newspaper, said she had changed her mind on the issue. McQuern, who was appointed by Mayor Ron Loveridge, said she had believed that only commissions which were fundamental and not subject to change should be included in the charter.

"They made a case that this is a different sort of commission that shouldn't be changed," McQuern said.

Chair Eric Haley, who was appointed to the committee by Loveridge, said that it had become clear that this commission had risen from a 30 year old issue that was "red hot" in 1973, when he became active in community issues. He said the commission brought the most broad consensus and perspective to the issue that he had ever seen.

Community activist Marjorie Von Pohle, who was appointed by former councilwoman Laura Pearson, said that the CPRC provided a "say" for the community and that it needed to be included in the charter.

"If it is in the Charter, it can only be removed by the vote of the people," she said.

Two committee members strongly objected to the motion.

Ray Higgins, who was appointed by Councilman Frank Schiavone, said that he wanted to keep the Charter "lean and mean" and that only the planning commission should be included because it was mandated by the state. He discounted the politics that have affected the CPRC in the past few months.

"Every board and commission is subject to that," he said, adding that commissions needed to be more

diverse.

Retired police officer Gar Brewton, who was appointed by Ed Adkison, opposed both the commission and the motion to include it in the charter.

"Law enforcement people should be judged by their peers," Brewton said.

Vice-Chair Ben Johnson, who serves on the Alvord School District Board, said that people had different opinions of what should be included in the charter in terms of boards and commissions and later, expressed concern that the issue was a huge one that could impact the charter process. He said that some issues including this amendment should be separated out for consideration apart from the charter rather than being put under the charter. City Attorney Gregory Priamos said that each amendment

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Dorothy Height, president, National Council of Negro Women

NAACP Head says Bush Treats Blacks Like Prostitutes

The Black Voice News

WASHINGTON (NNPA)

By Hazel Trice Edney

NNPA Washington Correspondent

NAACP President and Chief Executive Officer Kweisi Mfume says President George Bush is treating the Black community like prostitutes by claiming to want the Black vote while snubbing the NAACP's annual convention for four consecutive years.

"We're not fools. If you're going to court us, court us in the daytime, but not like we're a prostitute where you run around at night or behind closed doors



Kweisi Mfume

and want to deal with us, but not want to deal with us in the light of the day," says Mfume. "Mr. Bush has now distinguished himself as the first president since Warren Harding (1920-1923) who has not met with the NAACP. So, we've got a 95-year history and a president that's prepared to take us back to the days of Jim Crow segregation and dominance, an era where dialog is required, not distance."

Bush was invited to be keynote speaker at the convention, which starts Saturday in Philadelphia.

Mfume says the non-partisan civil rights group, the oldest and largest in

the nation, had hoped to have both Bush and his Democratic challenger, Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) at the event. Kerry has confirmed. In a brief letter from the president's scheduler, Melissa S. Bennett, the White House said: "Your request has been given every consideration. Unfortunately, due to scheduling commitments, we are unable to accommodate your request. Thank you for understanding. The President sends his best wishes."

Mfume was not surprised.

"It's business as usual at the White House," he says. "They don't view the nation's oldest and largest civil rights

organization as any way of significance or importance. In their minds, we do not exist. And that's a dangerous course to take and a dangerous path to go down because you immediately then begin to write off a whole community of people simply because ideologically you may not agree with one another."

Hilary Shelton, director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, says the letter of invitation was sent to Bush in December inviting him to speak at any time during the five-day convention. Shelton says he is concerned that some people have raised the question of how Bush would be treated if he came

to the NAACP?

"Well, if you look at every other president who has come before us, whether we overall disagree with their politics or agree with their politics, they have always been treated with the utmost respect and appreciation for being with us," Shelton says. "Our position has been when we invite people into our house, then indeed we will treat you with respect and care."

Mfume scoffs at the excuse that Bush could not fit the convention into his schedule. "My mother always told me you always make time to do what you

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COMMENTARY

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Against City Charter changes

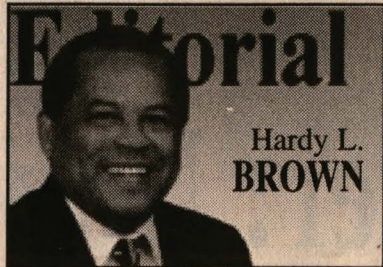
The hot potato of voting at large in San Bernardino's ward system has been taken off of the stove to cool down or until the fire burns out. City Attorney Jim Penman has decided the fire was too hot as it was brought to a boil by the NAACP and MALDF, stating they would file lawsuits if Penman continued with his effort to disenfranchise the Black and Latino voters in the city. Penman told The Black Voice News editorial staff that he was pulling that part of his city charter changes off of the agenda at this time. He later repeated the same at a community meeting held at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, stating the issue was too controversial. The ward system was proposed by Penman during a swearing in ceremony for newly elected officials back in April. Penman also told The Black Voice News that the attorneys who were assisting him in drafting the charter have since pulled back. One of them was a judge who after the heat was applied, cited conflict of interest to continue in an advisory role. I think it was because eventually they would be flushed out from hiding and become co-conspirators in a sham to minimize the minority voters in the city of San Bernardino. However, since the charter will not be placed on this November's ballot, as every good cook knows, food taken off the stove and placed in the refrigerator can be reheated for another day. So beware that it will be served up again when they think your appetite is less likely to reject it.

However, they have cooked up another dish for you to feast on and that is called a Charter Amendment for a strong city manager coming this November. This is a city manager position you will not get to vote on but it will have all the power you think will be in your mayor. Penman is confused about this issue because he told a St. Paul AME group that he was unsure as to how he will vote on his own measure. He also told them that he would prefer the current strong mayor form of government if he was mayor. There is one thing Penman and I agree on, if I was mayor I would want the strong CEO type of mayor position. I would want it to be clear to the voters who is responsible and who they can hold accountable for their welfare and service. This way, there is no passing the buck at election time as to who is responsible. Now Penman is the author of the change and is the one who convinced the city council the issue should go before the voters. He is also the one who spoke before the downtown Kiwanis Club's heavily White members, and told the daily papers that this is the best thing for the city. Now he is not sure if he is going to vote in favor of his own proposal. I think the city council should pull back their support until they are sure it will benefit the citizens and not suit their personal needs. We have a mayor who appears to not like controversy, and a city administrator who cannot take action because his job duties do not show up in the city charter. Maybe we should ask the mayor to step down or not seek reelection, or remove the current city administrator (Frank Wilson) and get the mayor someone who will carry out her directives. Now he can accept the \$170,000.00 salary, but finds it impossible to tell an employee to not wear see through blouses to work because it is against the city dress code. We don't need a city charter change, but a change in management.

Back in March, Penman said the prior charter changes were motivated by hidden agendas of certain people advocating the changes, then he turns around and puts together a secret committee of two attorneys -- one of them a judge that does not want to be identified -- and proposes changes of the same nature. This current city manager change is motivated by a carefully conceived piece meal approach to obtain their full attempt to manage the city without interference of Black and Hispanic citizens and their elected representatives.

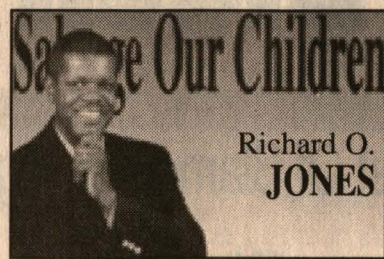
Now I am one who believes in good management practices. I went to specialized management schools at UCLA, USC, Johnston College at the University of Redlands and San Bernardino Valley College studying good management practices and spent 25 years in Human Resources at Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program, supervising a staff, writing and implementing personnel policies, so I know that what you are proposing will not ensure potholes getting filled in every section of the city, as Penman told the people of St. Paul AME.

In his proposed changes on May 18, 2004 he states in section 52 that the mayor shall have the "general" supervision of the city manager, acting city manager, chief of police, chief of fire department, and all elected officials except the city council. In section 100 he states "the City Manager shall be responsible for the administration of ALL City departments except the office of the mayor, city attorney, city clerk, city treasurers, water department, the free public library and the civil service system." This means the police and fire department are under the IMMEDIATE supervision of the city manager. In addition, in section 101 (I) it requires the city manager to confer with the city attorney more than the mayor who is in the position that can hire or fire. Now who do you think will have the power at city hall? It will be the city manager and the city attorney.



Hardy L. BROWN

The Streets: Fattening Frogs for Snakes



Richard O. JONES

Occasionally, I am invited to speak at alternative schools to motivate at-risk students. The term 'alternative' schools could very well be referred to as "last chance" schools. These are the educational institutions that are designed for the troubled students; the returning 'drop-out' student; the student suspended for the last time at a traditional middle or high school; the student ordered there by the criminal court system. It's also a school where teenage mothers enroll and dormant brain cells are sent for euthanasia. In other words, a 'last chance' school. These types of schools look like minimum-security prisons with razor wire surrounding the premises, surveillance cameras everywhere, and huge conspicuous signs warning, "No drugs or weapons allowed on campus. Random searches are conducted. Violators will be prosecuted."

Over the years, I've spoken at one such school in Hawthorne, two in South Central Los Angeles, another in Long Beach, and most recently, this past April, I spoke at

such a school in Perris, CA. It was no surprise to find that most of the student body was Black and Hispanic, with a sprinkling of Whites. I didn't see any Asians, not to say none existed at the school. And as expected, most of the boys wore their pants halfway down their butt and the other half wore their pants completely below their butt, and as many boys wore earrings as the girls. I have noticed over the years that the lower a boy's pants, the lower his grades. Although I see these styles at traditional schools, I've come to the conclusion that low pants wearing is a distraction from academic achievement.

Like most adult African American males, I'm no virgin to the streets and therefore understand

the mindset of the younger males. It's not surprising to hear a boy respond by saying some type of athlete, entertainer, or hustler when asked, "What do you expect to be doing in ten years?" Nor is it surprising that professions that require extensive cognitive engagement, such as reading and studying, are never expressed. Not once in over ten years of speaking to alternative school students has any student responded to that question by saying a teacher, an engineer, a politician, not even a police officer or a firefighter. Many of the teenage students are dumbfounded when asked about their plans for the future. A few even reply that they never thought about it before. However, this particular engagement at the school in Perris was little more than a spirit cemetery.

Most of the students sat in class giggling or half-awake. As I spoke, I began to imagine the students as zombies. It shocked me, but I couldn't shake the image. Their spirits were dead, yet their bodies were energized by delusions of grandeur.

When I challenged their attitudes the common response was that they are from the streets, and hustling and making money is all they know. One Black boy said, "I don't need an education, I know how to make my money." Affirmative nods and gestures followed the statement. The truth is that the streets raised none of these low achievers. They're mimicking the performers on the rap videos that claim to be from the streets. The term the 'streets' has become synonymous with not trying to succeed academically. While it's true that many youth come from less than positive environments, that's no excuse to trade their brain cells for jail cells.

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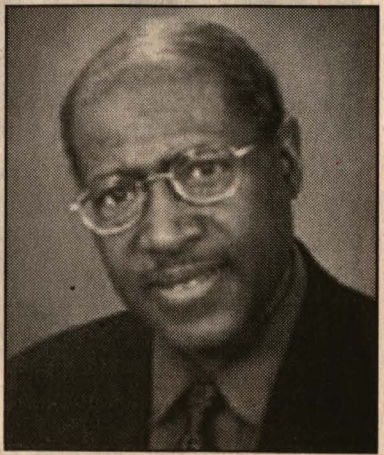
Are Black Leaders Asleep?

By Ron Walters

As a serious student of leadership, I'm not one to jump on Black leaders unnecessarily and I have often chastised those who do so. And it's quite possible that I have missed something, but I've noted a disturbing quietness among by Black leaders.

Contrast this. When Bill Cosby publicly railed against some negative behaviors of the Black poor, our leaders jumped up and threw their arms around him. But when Ronald Reagan was lionized as a "fair" and "effective" leader and John Kerry, running for the Democratic nomination for president, offered the vice presidential spot on the ticket to a Sen. John McCain, Republican -- no one says a word. What's going on?

Like almost everyone else in the Black community -- except our leaders -- I have denounced the media and White leaders, Democrat and Republican, for making Ronald Reagan something in death that he wasn't in real life. I have pointed out that in real life, he was somewhat like Jim Jones, the fanatical cult leader who convinced his followers to drink Kool-Aid laced with cyanide. Reagan was good-looking, genial and a polished communicator who was very optimistic, but the substance of what he communicated and the nature of his optimism was devoted to a most mean-spirited and vicious attack on



Ron Walters

the quality of life of Blacks and the poor.

Black leaders do not control the media and are routinely ignored by them. However, real leaders also make it difficult for the media to ignore them by creating events and opportunities for the media to cover. Jesse Jackson, Sr. is a master at this. But while this was occurring, Rev. Jackson was "out-of-pocket," touring West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky in the hills of Appalachia, trying to draw the attention of political leaders to the plight of the poor of all colors, as a way to jump-start the discussion on poverty in general. That still leaves a lot of other leaders who fought the Reagan policies and who know his damaging record to the Black community yet they were quiet.

While we were witnessing the Ronald Reagan festival, John Kerry was quietly offering the second spot

on his ticket to a Republican, John McCain. Those who sell newspapers and run television stations have been salivating at this combination as the dream ticket for some time. Also, public opinion polls have had these two as high as 14 points ahead of Bush and Cheney.

It also represents a continuation of the politics of convergence between the Democratic and Republican parties that confirms the right-of-center posture of American politics. John McCain is regarded as a "moderate" Republican on many issues and he often goes against the hard Right orthodoxy of his party. Nevertheless, he, like his former military hero friend John Kerry, also believes that Iraq needs more troops, in a Vietnam-styled objective of seeking victory with honor, rather than a total pull-out. So, both would continue the sink-hole policy that is wasting precious lives and economic resources.

I would be interested to know whether Kerry's choice of John McCain was approved by the Congressional Black Caucus and the civil rights leadership, or whether he even gave them the dignity of notifying them. In the last election, Black leaders were the last to learn of Al Gore's choice of Senator Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.) to his vice president and they challenged this choice on the basis of Lieberman's past views on affirmative action. Well, McCain feels the same about affirmative action, so

where is the rage at this slap?

Have we also become intimidated by the consensus, largely among Whites, that Ronald Reagan was good for America? Or, is it that our present leadership is too tired, having been worn down by yet another slap in the face by Democrats?

It is the responsibility of Black leaders -- leaders of any group -- to uphold the public integrity of that group. But there may be a new view of modern leadership that believes in sacrificing the opportunity to mobilize around integrity issues as opposed to saving such fights for more concrete bread and butter issues. The problem with that view is that one is related to the other, not separate. If the dominant community loses respect for the integrity of a group in any society, it will be difficult for the leaders of that community to get their attention for concrete needs.

Maybe Black leaders will take the opportunity of their coming summer conferences to raise these issues. I hope so, our integrity demands it.

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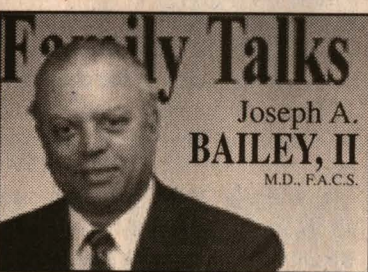
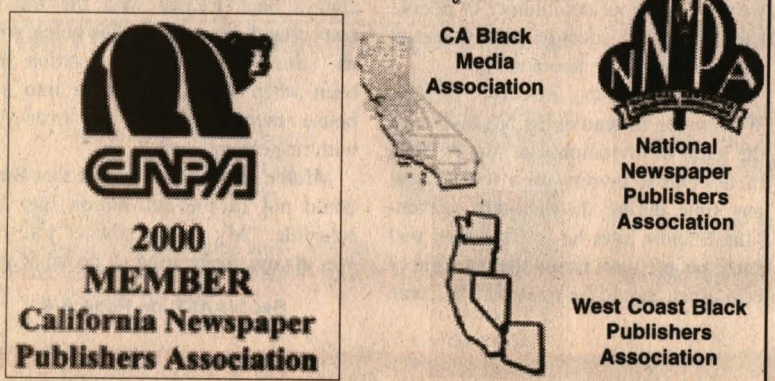
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As a teenager, I asked the age-old philosophical questions of "Why am I here on earth?" and "What is my purpose in life?" In adult life the answer to both questions was: "to learn what love is and to spread love as best I can." When the 5000 B.C. concepts of Maat (pronounced "ma aut") entered into my awareness, they provided a practical approach to clarifying what love is, what love does, and how love can be spread throughout the world. Ancient African sages said the source of love was God and the basis for doing loving things is living by the standard imposed by the divine nature within the individual. This standard is the same as that which is within the mystical "group spirit" of African people. To follow this standard became the movement toward Maat -- the chief end toward which all goodness in human behavior was geared. But what is Maat?

African Maat (Love in Action)

The Egyptian word "maat" means "the reality as a whole" -- the wholism concept. However, since many branches from the seed concept of Maat were contributed to by many other African societies, Maat took on a variety of additional meanings -- truth, justice, righteousness, reason, life, soul, mind, pure, total, levelness, straightness, and correctness.

Since these terms carry such different concepts but are roughly in the same "ballpark," let us use an analogy to explain the apparent "isfet" (i.e. chaos) that appears to be present in Maat. Ancient African sages thought of God's love for the universe as being like a white light. If we shine a white light through a prism, the result will be rays of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet colors. Let us assume that all these colored rays, when gathered together, are called Maat. Each color would represent an African virtue. For example, the color red might represent truth; the color orange, justice; and so on until each African virtue is accounted for. These virtues are then grouped

into branches related to different aspects of life. For example, one branch is about the promotion of world order through justice and peace. A second branch is selfless service to humanity and creating harmony. A third branch is about personal development -- the spiritual awakening that leads to Maat-type thoughts, feelings, expressions, and behaviors. When these branches are applied to activities of daily living, that is love in action. Practically, Egyptians taught their youth to be respectful, quiet, not hasty, modest, gentle, restrained in eating and drinking, trustworthy, and not boastful or arrogant. Religiously, to "observe the feast of your God" and to "offer to your God" (New Kingdom "Instructions of Ani"), were stressed so as to maintain harmony between the human and the divine worlds.

Maat is the supreme principle that organized the African structure of civilization and culture; that crystallized the African tradition; that held African society together; and that was the foundation of African religious beliefs. The concept of Maat

and the importance of living a just life were central to the beliefs about judgement after death. Collectively, the Maat rays of virtue constituted a person's guide for preparation between birth and the heaven "afterlife." A root or fundamental Maat principle for living a personal, community, and spiritual life of wholeness was to do all one can to benefit the well-being of others, of nature, and of oneself. Its flip side was to do all one can not to harm the well-being of others, of nature, or of oneself. The Maat message persists to the present: contribute to well-being and not do it harm. This requires purity of heart and balance of mind in order to create integrity and then maintain it. Ancient Africans said there must be constant spiritual striving through prolonged contemplation (becoming one with universal truths) so as to attain true knowledge of God. Maat was designed by and became the frame for ancient African philosophy tradition.

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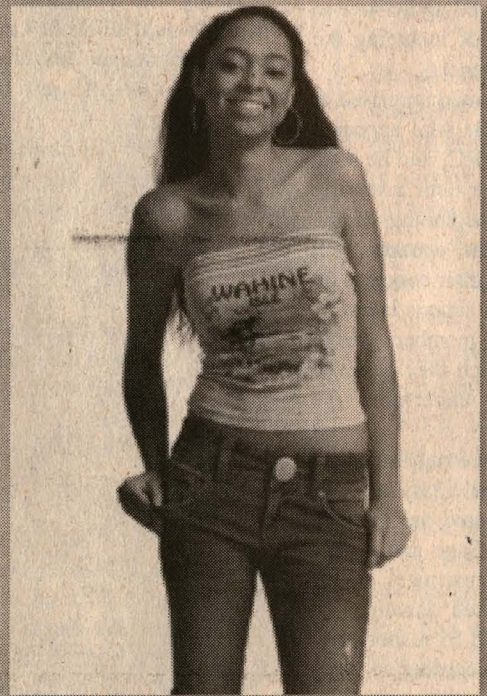
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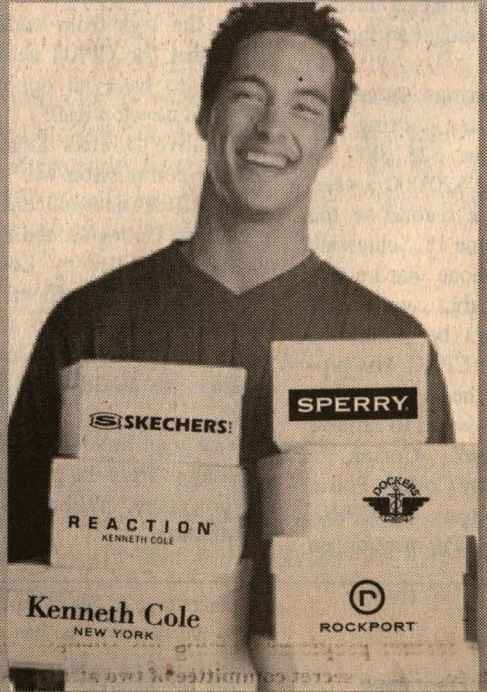
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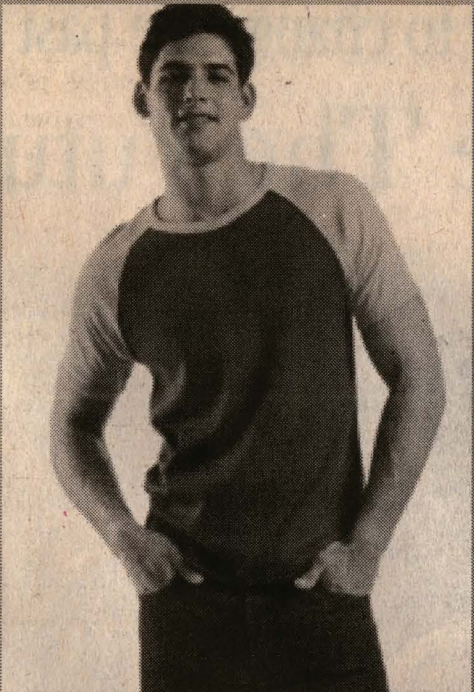
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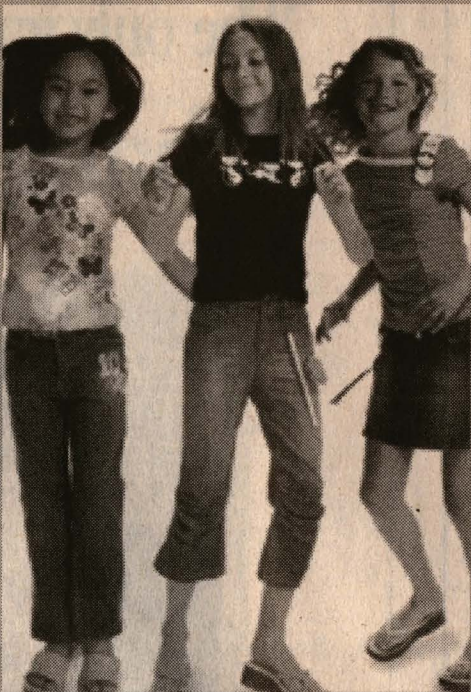
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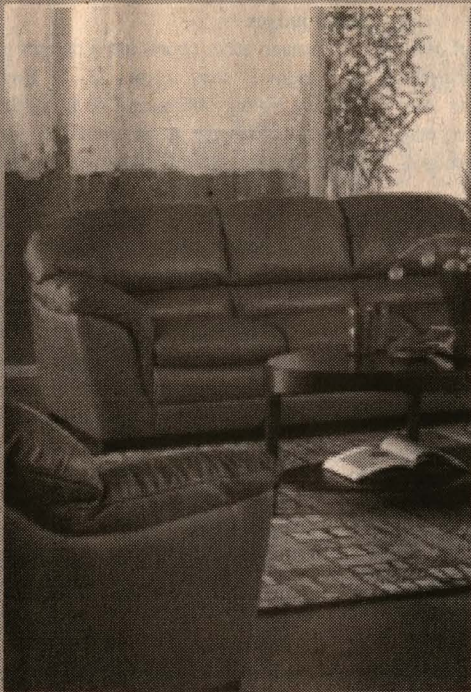
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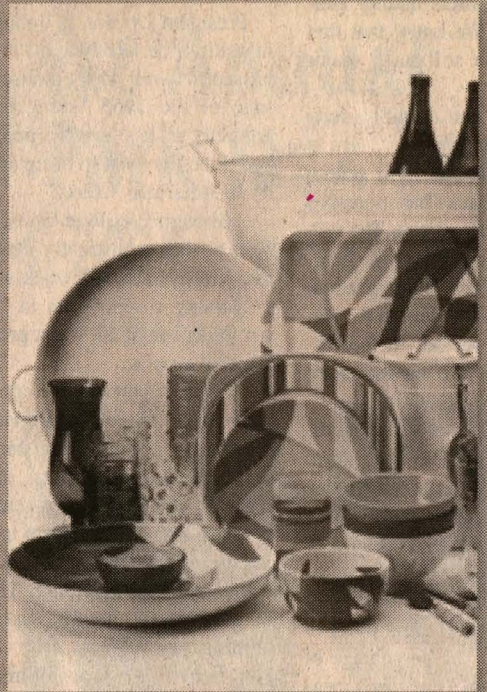
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including the one involving the CPRC, would be placed on the ballot to be voted on separately.

"Let the votes decide this issue," he said

Johnson voted in support of the motion, despite having been endorsed by the Riverside Police Officers Association during both of his school board elections.

Community members and CPRC commissioners showed up in force to voice their support of including the CPRC in the city charter.

At first Haley seemed surprised at the number of people who appeared in support of the CPRC, but he soon decided to move the item involving the CPRC to the beginning of the agenda. Most of the speakers felt compelled to voice their concerns on the issue because of actions taken by several city council members during the past month, which they believed were attempts to undermine the CPRC.

The CPRC's latest struggles began soon after three new city council members were elected in January. Two of them, Art Gage and retired Riverside Police Department officer Steve Adams received donations of \$12,000 and \$12,603.55 respectively from the RPOA, according to campaign disclosure statements. They joined Adkison and Schiavone who both also received thousands of dollars in financial contributions from the police union. Not surprisingly, the council has shown increased interest in the CPRC and its budget during the past several months.

During budget hearings last month, Gage twice proposed cutting the CPRC budget from \$281,000 to between \$5,000 and \$20,000 a year, but failed to get a second so the motions died. On June 18, Schiavone told the BVN by phone that he was going to propose that sworn law enforcement officers be prohibited from serving on the CPRC. His proposal came on the heels of a campaign by the RPOA board to remove Commissioner Sheri Corral, a Riverside Community College Police Department officer, from the CPRC. During the city council meeting on

June 22, Schiavone instead referred the issue of eligibility criteria for the CPRC to the Governmental Affairs Committee in a motion that passed unanimously.

With that in mind, a dozen speakers addressed the committee.

The Reverend Clarke Prescott, from All Saints Episcopal Church said that the CPRC was necessary to ensure public trust, in light of events in the past few years. Prescott was actively involved with other ministers in the community after the shooting of Tyisha Miller in 1998.

Placing the commission in the charter "would allow the kind of freedom to allow members to be objective and to do the job set before them," Prescott said.

University of California, Riverside Professor Deborah Wong said that it often takes years for police commissions to be effective.

"Initiating oversight is a big, big step," she said, "The next big step is to commit to it for the long term."

Wong referred to the recent actions of the city council with concern for the CPRC's future.

"It's hard to keep your eye on the prize when you are looking over your shoulder," she said.

Human Relations Commission member Chani Beeman said that the CPRC had been in formation for the past 20 years, and that it was necessary to include it in the charter.

NAACP Riverside Chapter president Woodie Rucker-Hughes said she had spoken to many people in the community on this issue. She said the CPRC was a group just starting to get its sea legs and politicians were trying to cut the legs from under it. She added that the CPRC needed to be allowed to have an opportunity to grow and develop itself.

Executive Director Don Williams said the commission was supportive of the officers and police department in general. He mentioned the beating of Stanley Miller by Los Angeles Police Department officers and how one of the mayor's first acts was to create a commission comprised of civilians to build credibility and trust.

"It's a great way for the police chief to get input from the public on policy and procedure," Williams said of the commission.

CPRC commissioner Gloria Huerta said she believed the commission was necessary for the good of the city and the police department. She said there were retired and sworn law enforcement officers on the commission.

"It is not anti-police. It is not anti-civilian," she said.

Even when the required number of votes was changed from 11 to 12, it made no difference as 13 committee members voted in support of putting the CPRC in the charter. Higgins and Brewton voted against the motion and Connie Leach, who is married to Riverside Police Department Police Chief Russ Leach, abstained.

Art Garcia, who was appointed by Pearson, had proposed earlier that the issue be reconsidered, with Rose Mayes joining him. He cited the significance of the commission as being one of the "big, big" ones and also the importance of its "long-term well-being" as being the reasons behind his proposal.

Later in the meeting, a proposal submitted by The Group, including president Jennifer Blakeley and Katie Greene, to include an ethics code for elected officials and members of boards and commissions in the charter was approved by over two-thirds of the committee. Blakeley and the Group, who have worked hard to hold the city government accountable for its conduct submitted their proposal at an earlier meeting.

The Charter Review Committee will present its proposed amendments to the city council on July 13. A vote of five council members is necessary to prevent inclusion of any of the amendments on the ballot. On July 27, the City Council will adopt a resolution calling for a special election involving the City Charter and then it will be up to the voters to decide how the city's charter will be shaped.

Afterwards, community members and commissioners applauded the passage of the motion to include the CPRC in the proposed amendments to the charter, but realized that a tough road lay ahead. If this amendment survives its trip through the city council, it still faces a tough battle on the ballot with the RPOA almost certain to launch an aggressive, expensive advertising campaign against it, proving once again that what is past is prologue.

NAACP

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want to do. Clearly, the President doesn't want to do this."

A former U. S. representative from Maryland and former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Mfume says he sees the Bush rejection as a pattern of behavior he has exhibited toward Black organizations.

"The fact of the matter is that the president has refused to meet with the Congressional Black Caucus, refused to meet with any real civil rights organizations, did a drive-by at the Urban League conference last year, where he whisked in for 15 minutes and whisked out, refusing to even meet at length with their delegates or their leadership," he says.

The rejection letter was dated June 21, less than two weeks before Bush's White House celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, attended by civil rights veteran Dorothy Height and Marc Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League.

"Those things are insulting," Mfume says. "These are not the good ol' days where all you had to do is show up and take a picture with a Black person and

be considered a friend or an ally. These are the days in which you have to do something. Well, Mr. Bush, is, in my opinion, losing a huge opportunity to do something and for whatever reason believe that photo ops will get it done and I don't think they will."

Given the fact that Bush received only 9 percent of the Black vote in the 2000 election, his rejection of the NAACP will have little political impact from his standpoint, says University of Maryland Political Scientist Ron Walters. But, it does make a statement, he says.

"It continues to confirm that Bush doesn't have a receptive posture towards African-Americans," Walters says. But, the even greater meaning to the NAACP is that "Access to the White House has always been the currency of the NAACP. For it not to have it says to both parties that you're out of favor."

Bush and his policies have consistently been out of favor during each of the past four NAACP conventions.

In his 2001 convention speech, NAACP Chairman Julian Bond likened the Bush administration to "the Taliban." In 2002, he characterized Bush's civil rights policies as "snake oil." Last year, he described Bush's Africa tour as an "exotic photo-op."

Mfume says he now wants to speak at the Republican National Convention in New York. He says he has been confirmed as a speaker at the Democratic convention, but has not received an answer yet from the Republicans.

"Our approach to both of them was pretty much to say, 'Hello. Here's what we are doing. Here's how we would like your party to participate and we'd like to participate in some sort of way by speaking or having the opportunity to speak at your respective conventions,'" Mfume says. "We asked four years ago and the Republicans said, 'No, we can't find any time on the agenda for you.'"

And the Democratic Party said, 'Yeah. You're free to speak and we welcome whatever message you would bring.'"

Despite his distance from Bush Mfume says it's just the opposite with RNC Chairman Ed Gillespie.

"Ed Gillespie and I have a good working relationship. The fact that he's the head of the Republican Party and I was a Democratic congressman for 10 years really is secondary. I knew him from my days on the Hill," Mfume says. "I have a lot of respect for him in his current role. He will do good things. But he can not make the president do something that he doesn't want to do."

STUDY

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underserved communities are not accountable. Where and how is the money being spent? We need accountability from these organizations, our doctors and other providers," Woods says.

Questions from the audience ranged from intense to sobering. Fighting to keep her composure Linda Hart, C.E.O. of Brothers and Sisters in Action, stood at the podium facing county health officer Eric Frykman MD, MPH. "These findings tell us our health is not a priority in this county. Who sets the tone for provider treatment guidelines? Who monitors patient outcomes? Does the county have a health plan?" she asked Frykman. Is it mandated, if not why?"

"We care about the health of all our citizens," Frykman responded. "We do not have a health plan. The county does not mandate one. We are addressing a lot of serious health problems in our county. Today, the focus is on the emerging epidemic of West Nile Virus. Eight people have become infected, none of them are African-Americans, that's good maybe you are immune."

Frykman's response both alarmed and disappointed Hart, and many others in the audience, including these county

residents who three days later, huddled on a blanket during a huge July 4th barbecue and celebration of the Black family.

The small but vocal group of county residents vented, fumed and pointed the finger of blame both ways. "Them and us," one said, "our leaders and providers have failed us and we have failed ourselves." "This county has a responsibility to establish and maintain a data bank on treatment outcomes and alert residents when problems arise. We weren't told of this epidemic. This problem did not develop overnight," one resident claimed. "We're taught the doctor's word is gospel. No one brought this data to our homes, schools and churches. The IRS and the sheriff don't seem to have trouble finding our neighborhoods," injected another. "How can we change if we lack knowledge and access to good care," fumed a slight woman in a blue scarf. "If LA and other counties have mandated health plans, why not San Bernardino," another asked.

The residents pointed to individual responsibility. "We must take charge of our own health. Just because our grandmothers ate fatback, smoked cigarettes and never exercised, doesn't mean we can practice the same unhealthy habits. We can't wait for the county to tell us we are dying of heart disease and can-

cer."

The residents concluded, "We have the power and responsibility to reverse this madness." Black residents, community partners, county and city leaders, medical providers and others, including Dr. Frykman, must work together to create progressive health policy based on national treatment guidelines and outcome measurements. We need provider accountability, community partnerships, access to prevention and treatment programs, funding, visible public awareness campaigns and what Linda Hart wants most from Dr. Frykman, a county health mission and goal statement. "One that stops blaming Black people solely for the disparity crisis," she says.

Woods agrees, some of Dr. Frykman's comments were less than sensitive, however she counters, "he has been one of our biggest supporters throughout this process. We would not be here today but for Dr. Frykman and the health department's exhaustive efforts to secure funding and support for this project. We can't afford to get caught up in the finger-pointing skirmish and lose the very real war facing our people," Woods concludes, "We have a golden opportunity here. Let's seize it"

RIGHTS

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2004. ... Even the schools, as we know, are mostly still segregated. Two-thirds of Black children go to schools that are mostly Black. Title 6 [of the Civil Rights Act] also promises quality education for our kids. We know that that hasn't happened. We still have major issues."

Even so, no one can credibly deny that there has been progress:

- Since 1964, the high school graduation rate for Blacks has increased from 20 percent to 70 percent. The college graduation rate jumped from 5 percent to 15 percent. (The White graduation rate rose from 50 percent to 82 percent over that same period. At the college level, the White rate has increased from 10 percent to 28 percent);

- From 1967 to 2001, the median income for Black families went from \$26,570 to \$43,938(In the same time period, the median income of White families grew from \$40,943 to \$69,856);

- In 1972, when the Bureau of Labor Statistics began keeping track of employment by race, the percentage of unemployed African-Americans was 10.4 percent. Currently, the unemployment rate for African-Americans is 10.1 percent. (White unemployment was around 5.5 percent and has now dropped to 5 percent).

- In 1974, the percentage of Black families living below the poverty level was about 32 percent and White families were at 8 percent. Currently,

the percentage of Black families living below the poverty line has dropped to about 27 percent while the percentage of White families in poverty has remained virtually unchanged.

"I guess one would have to say we obviously are better off than we used to be, but we still aren't as well off as we should be," says Berry.

President Lyndon B. Johnson's work in getting the Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed, as well as the subsequent passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, arguably makes him the president who had done the most to bring about equality in American society.

Although President George W. Bush held a 40th anniversary celebration at the White House last week, he is quickly gaining a reputation in civil rights circles as one of the worst presidents for Black America.

"I find it particularly appalling that because he is in the White House, Bush is having a celebration for the 40th anniversary of the Act," says Berry. "That doesn't make any sense because he hasn't done anything to try to implement anything. And if he got re-elected, he wouldn't do anything. This has not been his focus, not an emphasis in his administration."

Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.), chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission from 1977 to 1981, agrees.

"The Justice Department, which enforces some sections of the 1964 Act in the Civil Rights Division, has virtually ceased enforcement," Norton said in a statement. "Between 1980 to 2000, under Democratic and Republican

administrations, the Division averaged 14 employment discrimination cases annually, based on race, sex, religion or ethnicity. In the first two years of the Bush Administration, however, the Justice Department filed only two such cases.

Even worse, civil rights activists say, Bush is packing the courts will Far Right judges.

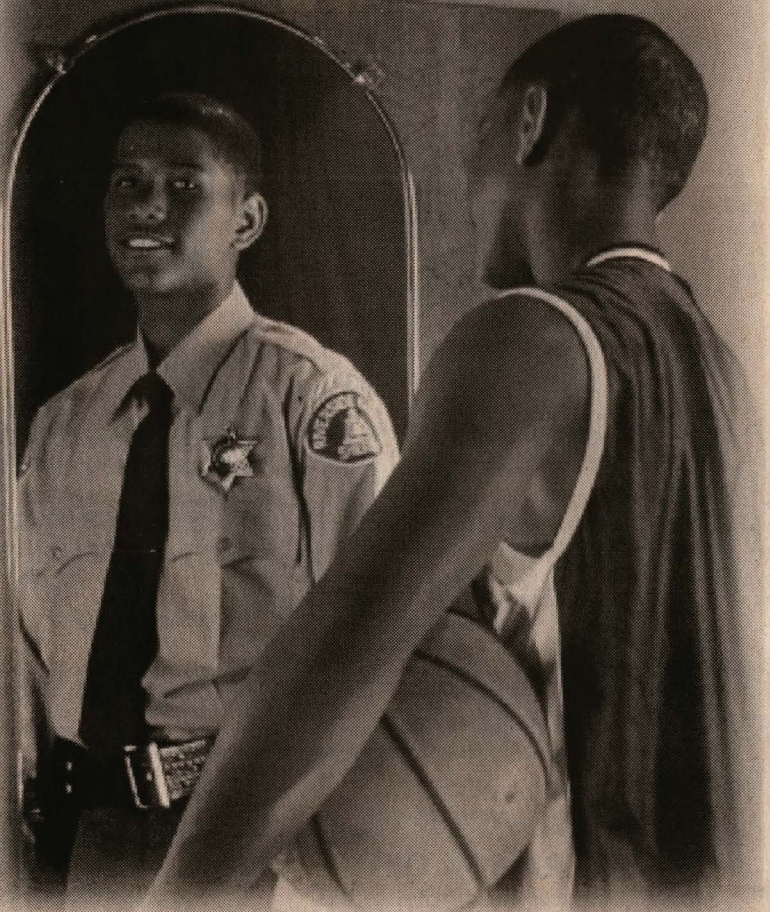
"Conservative courts are a danger to civil rights," says former U. S. Rep. Andrew Young of Georgia. "I think the majority of people in America have got to realize that American democracy has got to be fair. It's got to be fair to women. It's got to be fair to Blacks. It's got to be fair to the handicapped. It's got to be fair in order to succeed."

In addition to serving in Congress, Young was also a top aide to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the height of the Civil Rights Movement, served as mayor of Atlanta and Ambassador to the United Nations. He draws on all of those experiences today when he looks at the nation.

"The difficulties now are socio-economic as well as racial. Politics is about the dividing of the money. They don't want you represented where the money is," Young explains. "The Civil Rights Act gave us hope in America. It meant, as Martin Luther King said, that America can live out the true meaning of its creed and that this nation can be a nation of all of the people."

Forty years after passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, activists says, Blacks are still waiting for American to live out the true meaning of its creed.

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The Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

The NOS Events Center, the Inland Empire's source of end-to-end event solutions, announces that the Wu-Tang Clan will perform for the first time in ten years at the Rock the Bells Music Festival on July 17, 2004.

Rock the Bells is one of the brightest hip-hop music festivals. The festival is headlined by one of the most influential groups of all time. The entire Wu-Tang Clan has been confirmed to perform. It has been over ten years since the whole group has shared a stage. RZA, GZA, Ol' Dirty Bastard, Method Man, Ghostface, Raekwon, Inspectah Deck, Masta Killa, U God, and Cappadonna are destined to Rock the Bells on Saturday, July 17th at the NOS Events Center in San Bernardino, California. Other confirmed artists set for this historic event are Redman, Dilated Peoples, Sage Francis, Eyedea and Abilities, Supernatural, and Special Guests Chali 2na and DJ Nu-Mark of Jurassic 5.

The festival founder and organizer, Chang Weisberg of Guerilla Union, is excited about



Wu Tang Clan

the future of Rock the Bells and the Wu-Tang Gathering. "Rock the Bells is a world-class hip-hop platform that celebrates diversity within the culture. I am thrilled and honored to be a part of some-

thing this important. At first, we thought that we could get some of the members together and that would be enough, but it became a mission to bring them all out for one special day. It's not the first

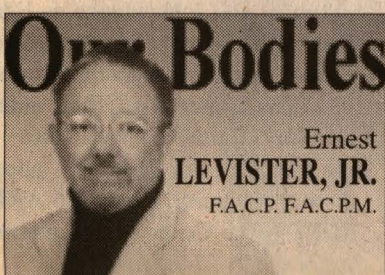
time, nor will it be the last. They all have individually shined for so long that it just happened to be the right time and place for them to get together. This is for the fans. Everyone has wanted it to

happen for so long, but the timing just didn't work out in the past. I'm proud of Rock the Bells and am excited to see it develop."

"We are honored that the return of a group of this stature

would happen here at the NOS Events Center," commented Bradley C. Randall, General Manager of the NOS Events Center. "It is another example that the NOS is a prime venue for concerts and indoor/outdoor music festival events. This event is part of a great line-up of musical talent in our Summer Concert Series that also includes a Latin Jazz Festival, a Mariachi Festival, Moto Music Mayhem, Kutthroat Productions, and Nocturnal Wonderland."

Rock the Bells plans to tour North America in 2005. Tickets for ROCK THE BELLS featuring the reunion of the Wu-Tang Clan on July 17 at the San Bernardino Orange Show Pavilion are on sale now through Ticketmaster. \$27 pre-sale (June 18 - 20), \$32 on-sale (June 21-July 16), \$37 day of show (July 17), \$75 VIP. For more information regarding Rock the Bells contact Guerilla Union (909) 971-0309. For more information regarding the Summer Concert Series check out the NOS Events Center website at www.NOSevents.com, or call (909) 888-6788.



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employer.

There is a one-week waiting period before claimants are eligible for payment. Paid Family Leave insurance benefits are payable at the same rate as SDI benefits using the same base period concept. Employees cannot receive Paid Family Leave insurance benefits if receiving Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, or State Disability Insurance. Paid Family Leave insurance does not expand or change, in any way, existing job protection rights for employees.

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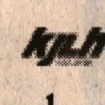
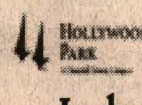
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The Black Voice News

HOLLYWOOD

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After its acclaimed world premiere at Seattle's 5th Avenue Theatre in June 2002, the fantastically fun musical opened on Broadway in August 2002 to rave reviews, winning eight 2003 Tony Awards, including Best Musical. And now, the people of Los Angeles will be swept away to 1960's Baltimore in the mega-hit, piled bouffant-high with laughter and romance – and enough deliciously tuneful songs to fill a nonstop platter party.

Everyone is raving about this delightful musical, including the critics. "A great big fat gorgeous hit," claims Clive Barnes of the New York Post. "Completely irresistible! Get those tickets now!" declares syndicated columnist Liz Smith. "So many numbers bring down the house, it's a wonder the theater is still standing," says Jeremy Gerard of New York Magazine.

As if HAIRSPRAY coming to Los Angeles isn't enough to tickle your fancy, Marissa Jaret Winokur, who won the 2003 Tony, Drama Desk, Theater World and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Leading Actress in a Musical Award for playing Tracy Turnblad, stars with comic legend Bruce Vilanch as her mother, Edna Turnblad. At Segerstrom Hall at the Orange County Performing Arts Center



Kianna Underwood, Charlotte Crossley & Terror Brooks

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Keala Settle will play Tracy Turnblad and John Pinette will play Edna Turnblad.

On screen, Winokur was recently seen in the ABC Family Channel romantic comedy Beautiful Girl in which she starred with Fran Drescher and Mark Consuelos. Winokur was executive producer of the film, which was ABC Family's highest rated original movie of the year.

Marissa is also known for her portrayal of "Janine" in American Beauty, where she immortalized the phrase "You are so busted." She just signed a feature deal with New Line Cinema to star and produce the movie Always a Brides Maid, written by Nina Coleman.

A native of New York, Marissa started her career on the stage, appearing as "Jan" in the Broadway production of Grease. After moving to Los Angeles, Marissa quickly landed roles in the features Teaching Mrs. Tingle and Never Been Kissed, followed by her memorable roles in American Beauty and Scary Movie, and the Reprise! production of Hair with Steven Weber. In television Marissa has recurred on Dharma and Greg and Moesha, and some of her guest starring roles include Just Shoot Me, Curb Your Enthusiasm: The Larry David Show, Boston Public, Felicity and Get Real.

Bruce has a long award-winning history in show business that

encompasses 30 years of writing and performing. He has written for the most popular performers in the world and for virtually every televised awards show, event, and charitable function imaginable, from Hollywood to Washington and beyond. He has written for the "Quadruple Crown" of awards shows – The Oscars, The Emmys, The Tonys and The Grammys. He has co-written fifteen Academy Awards telecasts, winning consecutive Emmy Awards for Billy Crystal-hosted shows. Bruce has also won an additional four Emmy Awards for Outstanding Variety Shows.

Most recently, Bruce has written a book titled Bruce! My Adventures

in the Skin Trade and Other Essays. It is an assemblage of his funniest and most wicked essays, stories and gags. In addition to his writing, Bruce is also well-known for his three-season stint as a regular guest on the hit series "Hollywood Squares," for which he also acted as head writer. He is also the focal point of the riotous documentary Get Bruce? and continues performing limited engagements of his one-man show, a bio-comedy that he has performed in various cities across the country.

In HAIRSPRAY it's 1962 – the '50s are out and change is in the air. Baltimore's Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, has only one passion – to dance. She wins a spot on the local TV dance program, "The Corny Collins Show" and, overnight, is transformed from outsider to irrepressible teen celebrity. But can a plus-size trendsetter in dance and fashion vanquish the program's reigning princess, win the heart of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a television show without denting her 'do? Only in HAIRSPRAY! Welcome to the '60s!

Everyone is raving about this delightful musical, including the critics. "A great big fat gorgeous hit," claims Clive Barnes of the New York Post. "Completely irresistible! Get those tickets now!" declares syndicated columnist, Liz Smith. "So many numbers bring down the house, it's a wonder the theater is still standing," says Jeremy Gerard of New York Magazine.

HAIRSPRAY is based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters, who serves as a creative consultant on the musical comedy. It features a book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan. HAIRSPRAY features an

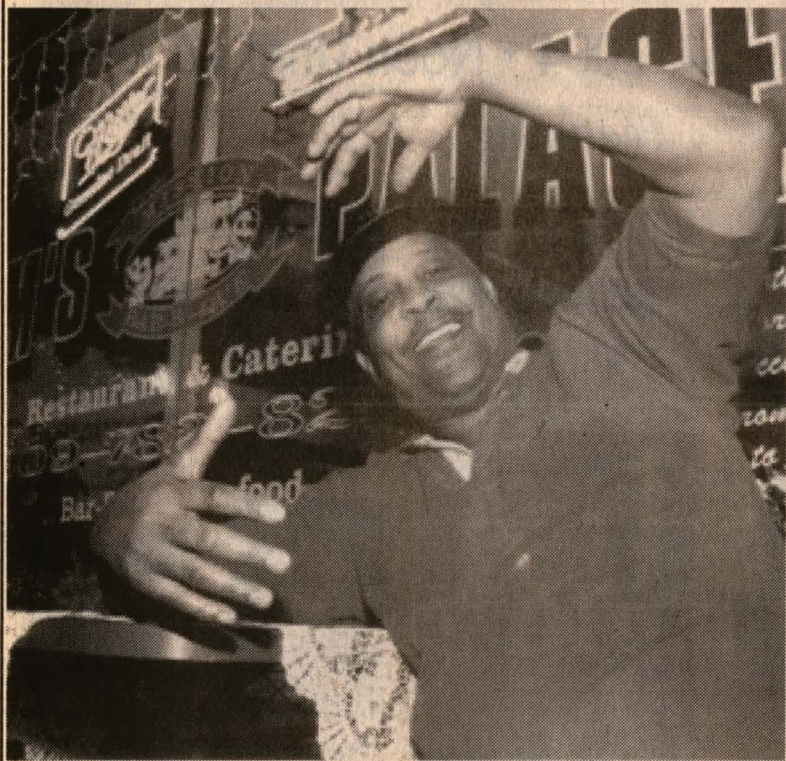
original score by Academy Award-nominated Marc Shaiman (who co-wrote the music and lyrics for the acclaimed animated musical, South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut) and lyrics by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman. HAIRSPRAY is directed by Jack O'Brien and choreographed by Jerry Mitchell; the scenic design is by David Rockwell; the costume design is by William Ivey Long; the lighting design is by Kenneth Posner; and the sound design is by Steve C. Kennedy.

HAIRSPRAY is produced by Margo Lion; Adam Epstein; The Baruch•Viertel•Routh•Frankel Group; James D. Stern/Douglas L. Meyer; Rick Steiner/Frederic H. Mayerson; SEL & GFO; New Line Cinema, in association with Clear Channel Entertainment; A. Gordon/E. McAllister; D. Harris/M. Swinsky; J. & B. Osher.

HAIRSPRAY will play Pantages Theatre starting July 20, 2004. Tickets priced from \$27 to \$87 go on sale May 9 at the box office, all Ticketmaster Outlets (Tower Records, Robinsons-May, Wherehouse Music, Tu Musica, and Ritmo Latino locations), Ticketmaster phone charge at 213/365-3500 and 714/740-7878, and on line at www.broadwayla.org. The HAIRSPRAY web site can be found at www.hairsprayontour.com.

HAIRSPRAY will also be performed October 12 to 24 at Segerstrom Hall at the Orange County Performing Arts Center starring Keala Settle as Tracy Turnblad and John Pinette as Edna Turnblad. Tickets for the Orange County engagement go on sale July 18 at The Center Box Office, online at The Center's Web site at www.ocpac.org, and by phone through Centertlx (714) 556-ARTS (2787). The Center's TTY number is (714) 556-2746.

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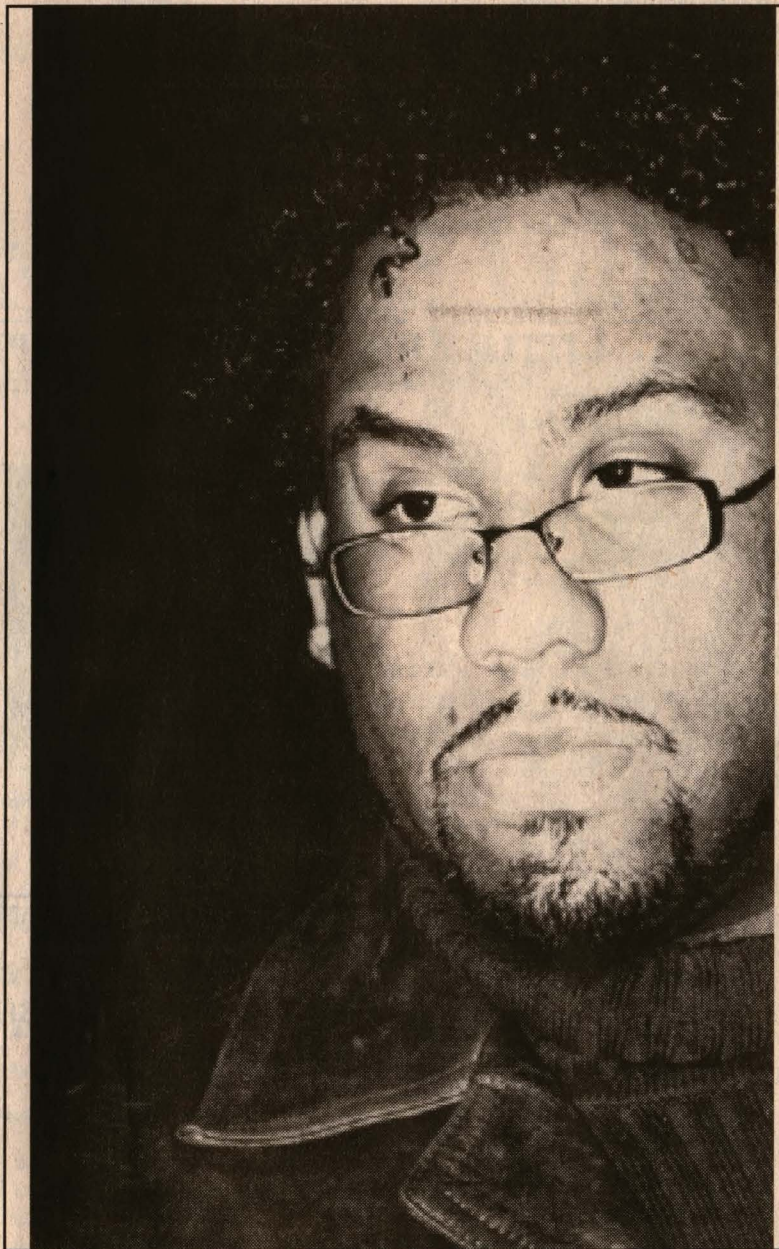
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BlkFreedom Entertainment and BFE Records in Association with Nickel and Dime Productions will present National Gospel Recording Artist Javar at an Inland Empire Pre-Release Celebration Formerly of Pastor Kenneth Wells and R.M.C. With special guest appearances from Los Angeles, CA Gospel Recording Artist R.E.J.O.Y.C.E and The Voices Of Zion Hosted by Mary Davis-Rouse.

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Bryan Duncan to perform in concert at Chino's Inland Community Church

The Black Voice News

CHINO

Bryan Duncan, a contemporary Christian recording artist with 16 number '1' songs to his credit and a winner at the 1997 Dove Awards, will perform in concert at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 13 at Inland Community Church (ICC), 5540 Schaefer Avenue in Chino.

"We are really looking forward to having a singer of Bryan Duncan's talent perform at Inland Community Church. Bryan travels throughout the year performing in concert, and we are pleased that ICC will be one of his concert sites," said Jim Moon, co-director of ICC's Celebrate Recovery, a FREE program for adults suffering from hurts, habits and hang-ups, which is hosting the concert.

Duncan, a 20-year vocalist who has sold over one million albums in his illustrious career, captured the most 'Inspirational Album of the Year' for his work on 'Quiet Prayer' at the 1997 Dove Awards - the highest award show in the Christian musical industry. In addition, he has received eight Dove Award nominations in his career, and has performed on several Dove Award national telecasts.

Duncan, who resides in Riverside, CA with his family, began his career as a member of the Sweet Comfort band in 1976, before launching his solo career in 1985. He also garnered the Male Vocalist of the Year honor in 1993 from Christian Research Report, while receiving CRR's Album of the Year for his work on 'Mercy'.

Some of Duncan's 16 number '1' hits include 'Love Takes Two', 'Step By Step', 'Into My Heart', 'Blue Skies' and 'Love You with My Life'.

Incidentally, the song 'Love Takes Time' collected multi-chart number 1's, a Billboard Video Award nomination and became the career song that is the title of Duncan's best-of compilation 'Love Takes Time: 17 Timeless Classics' by Myrrh Records.

In June 2003, Duncan record his first-ever 'live' album entitled 'TWIN CITIES LIVE', which included four new songs, before a packed audience of 800 people at the Heart Alive Club in Minneapolis.

Concerts aren't the only venues in which his music has been heard live. Duncan also performed at the chapel services for the San Francisco 49ers at the 1995 SUPER BOWL and the

1993 NBA All-Star Game.

Duncan made a name for himself early in his solo career when he was named the master of blue-eyed soul in contemporary Christian music - with kinetic stage antics - due to his musical influence from James Brown, the Godfather of Soul.

"He's been my biggest musical influence. Just the way he would scream at the top of his lungs and had every muscle tightened up and all focused into one thing, I loved it!" Duncan said earlier in his career.

Cost of the concert, which is open for those age 12 and older, are just \$12 per person. In addition, there will be childcare and

activities for children age 11 and under. The cost is \$2 per child.

ICC's sanctuary seats 600, and tickets are NOW BEING SOLD on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets can be purchased at ICC's office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday; 7-9 p.m. each Monday and Friday at ICC's Celebrate Recovery program; and following the 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday church services. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door the night of the concert.

For tickets and more information, call (909) 628-1571 or visit www.happychurch.org.

Mt. Rubidoux 7th-day Health Fair

The Black Voice News

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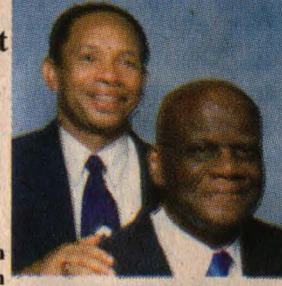
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Sunday School	9:30AM
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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
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Weekly Service

SATURDAY
Fellowship, Prayer & Bible Study 9:30 am
Praise Service & Divine Worship 11:00 am
Youth Service 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY
Feeding Program 5:00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm



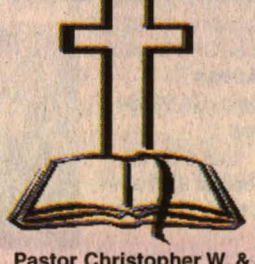
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5413 34th Street
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Weekly Services

Sunday School	9:30 am
Morning Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday	
Midweek Meditation & Bible Study	7:15 pm



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Moreno Valley Mission CME	18000 Hole Ave., Ste #3&4	Moreno Valley, CA 925	(909) 812-3509	Rev. John Senigaur
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Full Gospel Church of Love	24050 Theda	Perris, CA 92570	(909) 928-7720	Pastor/Phortias Laura Bell

CALENDAR

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Thursday, July 8, 2004

Eyes & Ears of Moreno Valley

By Juanita Barnes

Life seasons will always bring us celebrations and jublations and seasons for joy. But we who measure time into seasons know that each season encircles all others and each gives its gifts to the earth.

Hello Moreno Valley,

This week is the last part and the beginning of the Moreno Valley Black Chamber of Commerce, since it's installation ceremony. The president/CEO Ms. Linda Wright spoke about working toward the chambers' mission statement and objectives. "We must make revisions when deemed necessary in order for the chamber to accommodate businesses and to grow. Remember, we have only just begun, so before you pass judgment, offer solutions. This will enable us to become better and wiser from your shared knowledge and participation."

With that type of focus, things will change, and that is why Ms. Wright has three masters -- not two. Moreno Valley, the chamber is doing great. But guess what? It can be even better if you roll up your sleeves and join. We have so much to do.

The meeting was held July 1, 2004 at the 21 Century office on Pigeon Pass Rd. The guest speaker was Mr. Aubry L. Stone, president/CEO of the California Black Chamber, State Commissioner for Economic Development. Mr. Stone said his week had been a busy one but that it was very important that he keep his word, so he flew in from Sacramento, CA. He spoke about staying focused and becoming a part of the vision, to forget the past, and to look to the future.

The Chamber's Board of Directors are: Chair Valerie Maxwell; Vice Chair Minister Charles Portlock; Recording/Financial Secretary



Shirley Pride-Herman; Treasurer Velma Banks-Foreman; Chair of Economic Development & Government, Attorney Eric V. Isaac; Board Member Wraymond Sawyer and President/CEO Linda D. Wright. The Advisory Board is: William H. Batey, II; Jonnetta Chambers; Anthony B. Fabelo; Jerry L. Green; Leticia Iglesias; Jim King; Ed Marquez; Jacqui Proctor-Miller; Adriene Moore Robinson; and Tracey Smith.

Ladies and gentlemen these are your M.V.B.C.C. heads. Whatever we do as a city, come together as chamber heads and work. Now that we have three chambers, we are leaders in this nation, and we must do everything in elegance, arm and arm shoulder to shoulder. We can help every one of our businesses, large or small. For more information call (909) 443-3611, Fax (909)-443-3611 or Email morenovalleyblackchamber04@yahoo.com. The mailing address is P.O. Box 631 Moreno Valley, CA. 92556

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Calendar of Events

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:30 Class at Stratton Center/Bordwell p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Soul Line Dance

Blvd., Riverside. For more information call (909) 781-2050 or (909) 826-5355

JULY

July 7, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., The Unity Church of Riverside, 3730 Elizabeth Street will start Yoga Wash class. Instructor Samantha Patterson will lead participants on a journey to deep relaxation, gently washing away tension from the body, mind and soul. For more information call (909) 686-9247.

July 11, 11-4, Mt. Rubidoux SDA Church is sponsoring a Community Health Fair in the parking lot of Stater Bros. Market, 5571 Mission Blvd., Rubidoux. For more information, please call (909) 276-8374.

July 24, 8:00 a.m., Three Rivers of Pittsburgh Picnic will take place at Glen Helen Regional Park, Devore, California. For more information contact Delores

Chapman at (909) 874-7238.

July 25, The award winning Roundabout Theatre Company production of Lynn Nottage's "Intimate Apparel," will perform at the Center Theatre Group/Mark Taper Forum. For tickets are information call (213) 628-2772.

SERVICES

Free crisis outreach and resource referrals to those affected by recent fires, floods and mudslides. Redlands-Yucaipa Guidance Clinic Association, Inc. is providing support services and resource assistance for those affected in San Bernardino County. Outreach staff will come directly to you to speak about your existing needs. Please call (909) 425-9316 ext. 4117 to set up an appointment or get more information.

Parents of children ages 0-5 can receive free parenting information on topics including discipline,

nutrition, early reading and more. Provided by First 5 California, the free brochures -- and free puppets -- are available at Friendship Community Youth Center, 25421 Spring St., in Perris, CA. For more information call (909) 443-4404.

Family Services Association of Western Riverside County will provide reduced or no cost child-care services in the Moreno Valley and surrounding areas. To receive an enrollment packet, please contact (909) 779-9784 or (909) 786-3623.

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REUNIONS

Cajon High School 70's Cruise. All members of 1970's Cajon H.S. graduating classes are invited to reunite on a cruise beginning October 17, 2003. For more information contact Charlene at (909) 913-0831 or Esther at Riverside Travel (909) 684-1838.

La Sierra University News Notes

Summer Recreation Program at La Sierra University Sign up for swimming lessons, volleyball camp, tennis camp or basketball camp. There are also gymnastics lessons as well as the Fitness Center and recreation swim club memberships available. For more details contact the La Sierra University Department of Health, Exercise Science and Athletics at (909) 785-2084.

SIFE Summer SLAM at La Sierra University Children age 6-14 spend July 26-30 learning Sports Biz. The sessions are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$75 per child. Call La Sierra University SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) at (909) 785-2255.

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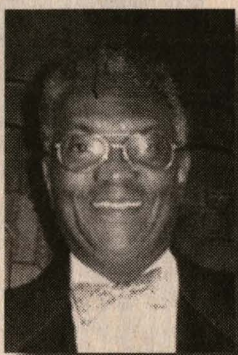


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Educators Honor San Bernardino City Unified for Promoting Bilingualism

The Black Voice News

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The San Bernardino City Unified School District is being recognized for "Promoting Bilingualism" at the 12th Annual National Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Program Summer Conference being held June 29 to July 2 in San Diego.

An affiliate of the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) called 2-Way CABE, which works specifically with two-way bilingual or dual-immersion programs, honored the District at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina.

"The San Bernardino City Unified School District has distinguished itself in its commitment to the promotion of bilingualism," said Francisca Sanchez, assistant superintendent of

Curriculum/Instruction for the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools and immediate past president of CABE. "The District has established initiatives to ensure students will acquire the bilingual skills needed to be successful in today's global society."

"We see the dual immersion approach as a way to promote bilingualism, biliteracy, academic achievement, and positive multicultural attitudes and behaviors in all students," said San Bernardino City Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Arturo Delgado.

Bilingualism has been a part of the District since 1973. In 1998, after State Proposition 227 was passed requiring all public school instruction be conducted in English, San Bernardino parents spoke to the State Department of

Education in favor of granting a Districtwide waiver. Students had experienced academic success in existing bilingual programs, and the state granted the waiver based on the high achievement of English learners in bilingual classrooms.

The city of San Bernardino also has the distinction of being the first in the state to be recognized

as a bilingual city with the adoption of a resolution by the mayor and city council in 2001. For the past two years, "A Celebration of Languages and Cultures" has helped promote the concept of

bilingualism citywide. In 2002, the District's Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution in support of bilingualism for all students. The superintendent's Blueprint for Success includes a committee charged with the goal of bilingualism and biliteracy for all students in kindergarten through grade 12.

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A Small Loan Fair will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2004, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the San Bernardino County West End Business Resource Center, 9650 9th Street, Suites A & B, Rancho Cucamonga, California. It will be sponsored by the San Bernardino County Office of Small Business Development.

The Small Loan Fair gives small business owners interested in loans from \$1,000 - \$150,000 the opportunity to meet one-on-one with lenders. On The Spot credit assessments for qualified individuals will be available. This allows potential borrowers to find out immediately if they qualify for a loan. Attendees are asked to bring copies of their last three years' tax returns, a current financial statement and a copy of their business plan. If a start-up, attendees should bring cash flow projections and a business plan.

Informational Workshops will also be conducted on topics, including How to Get a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan and the Business Plan.

Lenders at the Small Loan Fair will include a variety of banks and other lending institutions participating in SBA loan programs, as well as other entities providing loan programs in the Inland Empire. Participants will include Bank of America, Business Community Capital, Citizens Bank, Community Investment Corporation, Enterprise Funding, Inland Empire Lenders CDC, Inland Empire Small Business Financial Development Corporation, Innovative Bank, PFF Bank & Trust and Sun Country Bank. In addition, free business counseling will be provided by the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center and the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Association.

This is a no-cost event. To pre-register and receive a preliminary application, please contact Darlene Propp, County of San Bernardino at (909) 948-6650 or the U.S. Small Business Administration: Vicki Reynolds at (714) 550-7420, ext. 3711 or vicki.reynolds@sba.gov or Daniel Mejia at (714) 550-7420, ext. 3201 or daniel.mejia@sba.gov

Riverside Community Health Foundation's 2004 Community Events

Seventh Day Adventist Church:

Cooking Classes 6p-8p

July—dark
August—dark
September 30
October 25
November 22
December—dark

Dale's Senior Center@ White Park:

Time: 10:00-11:00am

July 23—Alzheimer's
August—dark
September 24—Prostate Cancer
October 22—Depression
November 16—Diabetes (glucose screening)
December—dark

EVENTS:

Jan. 22 Clergy & Community E2C meeting 8:30-2:30
July 19/20 Bobby bonds Health Screening/ Head Start

Cambridge Gardens Senior Apartments:

Time 1:30-2:30p

July 15 Alzheimer's
August—dark
September 16-- Prostate Cancer
October 21-- Depression
November 18—Diabetes (glucose screening)
December—dark

HEC Health Seminars:

Time 6:00-7:30p

July 14—Hepatitis Awareness
August dark
September 8—Dangerous Food and Medication Interactions
October 13—Mental Illness
November 10—Diabetes Awareness (glucose screening)
December dark

Community Settlement Association:

Time: 10:30-12:30p

July 16—Hypertension (b/p screening)
August—dark
September 17—Physical exercise (osteoporosis screening)
October 15—Cancer Awareness

November—dark
December—dark

Refreshing Springs

Cooking classes: 7:00-8:30

July 13
August—dark
September 27
October 18
November—dark
December—dark

Janet Goeske 9:30-10:30 Victoria Spring11:30-12:30

July 14 Holistic Medicine
August dark
September 16 Healthy Hearts (b/p screening)
October 20 Alzheimer's
November 18 Sexuality
December dark

Sunrise Village Apartments for Active Seniors Meadows Mobile Home Park

Time 9:30 - 10:30

Time Varies
July 15 - Physical Exercise
July 21 - Healthy Hearts 10-11
August - DARK
August - DARK
September 15 -Physical Exercise
September 15- HolisticMedicine9:30-October 21 - Physical Exercise
October 22 - Depression 12-1
November 17 - Physical Exercise
November 24 - Drug Interaction 10-11
December - DARK

December - DARK

Arlanza Community Center

Cooking Classes (Teens/Adults)
July 20 5p-7p (teens)
July 21 10a-12p (adults)

ADDRESSES:

Arlanza Community Center
7950 Philbin St.
Riverside, CA 92503
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Riverside Community Health Foundation Sunrise

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Dales Senior Center @ White Park

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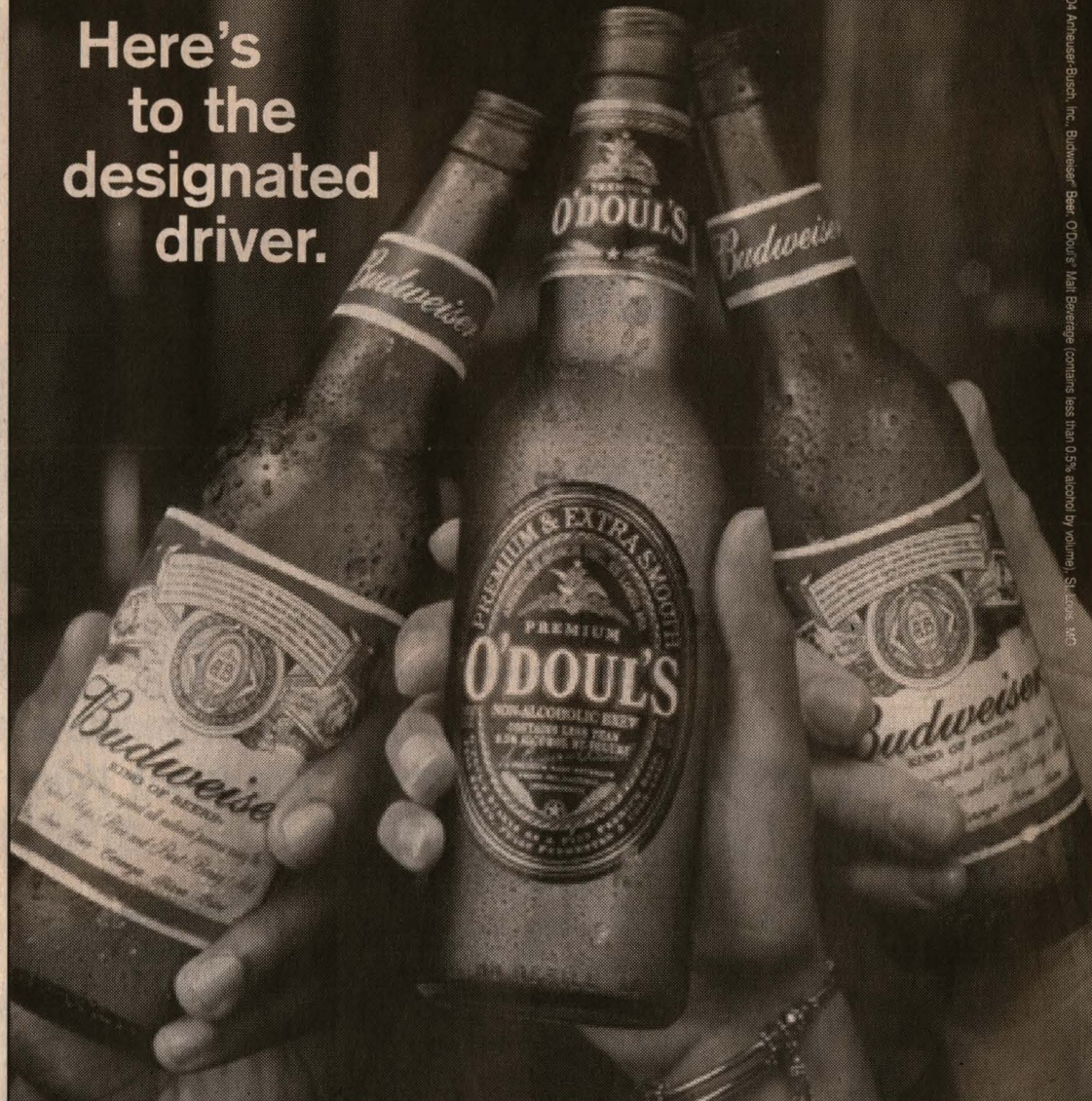
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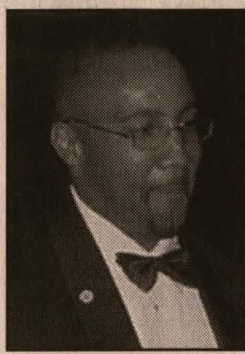
"Please come to the West Side Action Group to hear what mayoral candidate Kurt Wilson has planned for the City of Rialto," said Westside Action Group (WAG) President Wesley Jefferson. "WAG invites key community members to find solutions to the problems that face the Black community. We also interview candidates for office and endorse the ones that best support the needs of our community," Jefferson added.

The Westside Action Group invites everyone to attend the open meetings on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Monday's of each month 12:00-1:00 PM at the San Bernardino Boys & Girls Club conference Room 1180 W. 9th Street San Bernardino, CA. During the campaign season we will meet every Monday of each month, unless it is a national holiday," said Jefferson.

The Westside Action Group (WAG) is pleased to announce the following weekly Program presentations:

Monday July 12 - Kurt Wilson, City Councilperson for the city of Rialto will discuss his candidacy for Mayor of Rialto.

Monday July 19 - Assemblyman John Longville, speaking on his Candidacy for 5th District

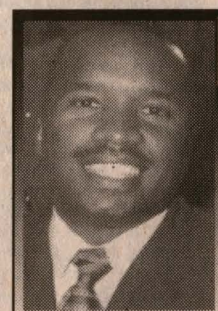


Kurt Wilson



Assemblyman John Longville

Supervisor. Monday July 26 - Mark Uffer, Interim Chief Administrative Officer for the County of San Bernardino, will discuss his vision for San Bernardino County during his tenure.



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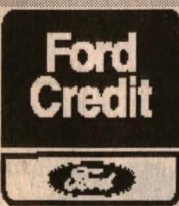
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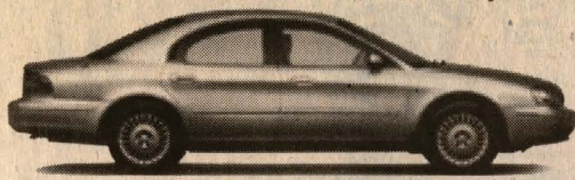
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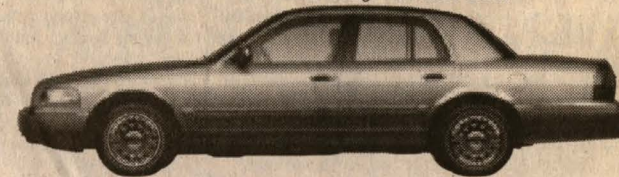
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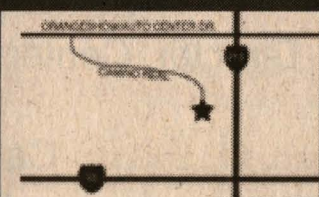
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